

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

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TOPIC Military Information from the Zeitz Area

EVALUATION 25X1X

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DATE OF CONTENT 17 to 23 February 1953

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REMARKS

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At 3 a.m. on 17 February, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and motor vehicles [redacted]

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occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia were seen en route toward Altenburg, coming from the two barracks installations of the post. At 3 p.m., T-34/85 tank [redacted] and trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] entered the Artillerie Kaserne, coming from the Zeitzer Forst (woods). At 6:30 p.m. on 22 February, T-34/85 tanks [redacted]

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jeep [redacted] occupied by 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia passed through Raba, proceeding toward Zeitz. On 22 and 23 February, [redacted] the troops previously stationed in the Zeitzer Forst had left toward Gera and Eisenberg. Considerable amounts of foodstuff were at the vacated bivouacs. Two letters addressed to soldiers [redacted]

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[redacted] were obtained.

1. [redacted] Comment. This report and a previous report [redacted] indicate that exercises of the elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Zeitz were held in the vicinity of the post between 14 and 22 February 1953. See [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The units which had bivouacked in the Zeitzer Forst belonged to the XXIX Gds Mz Rifle Corps. They participated in exercises which were held in the Zeitz-Gera area from 14 to 22 February. [redacted]

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